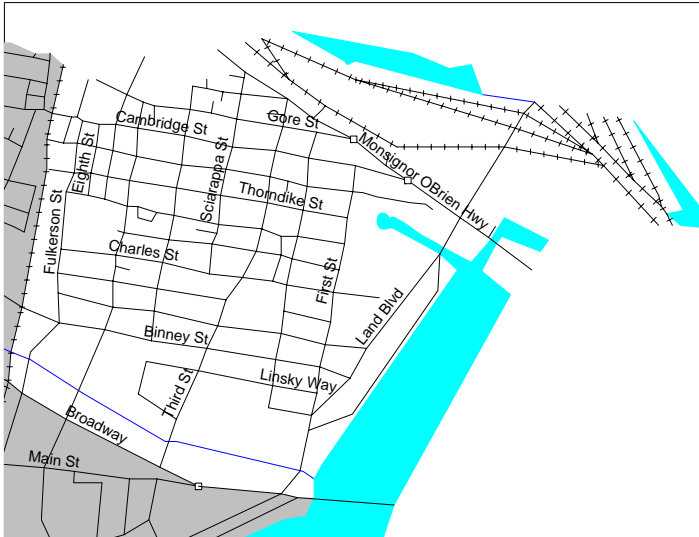
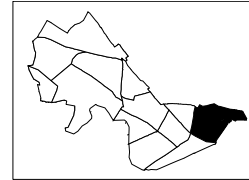


NEIGHBORHOOD 1 EAST CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the Charles River, Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Somerville border

POPULATION: 7,294 residents
2,726 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$30,281

Neighborhood #1 lies within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 (2 officers) and Car 1R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 1A, 1B, and 1C.

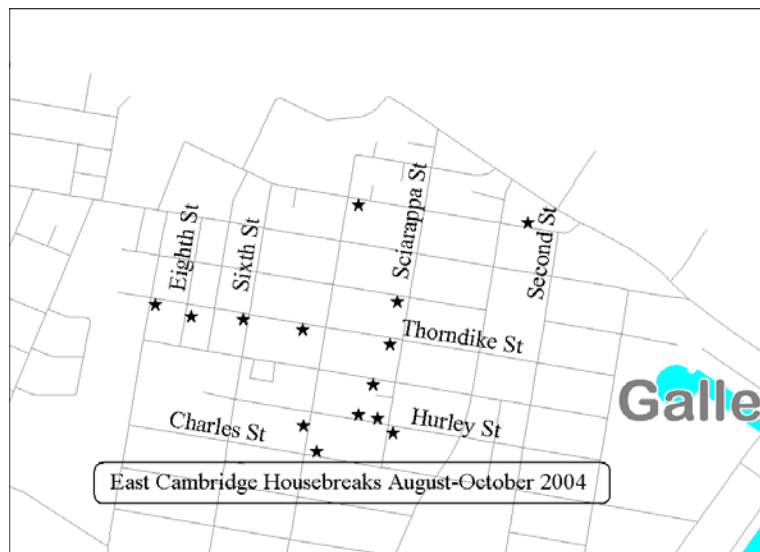
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS 2000-2004

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	32	37	39	35	38
Street Robbery	12	13	18	18	15
Auto Theft	78	55	55	43	56
Larceny from MVs	93	74	112	129	86
Malicious Destruction	91	96	141	111	86
Drug	13	15	12	20	15

2004 YEAR END REVIEW

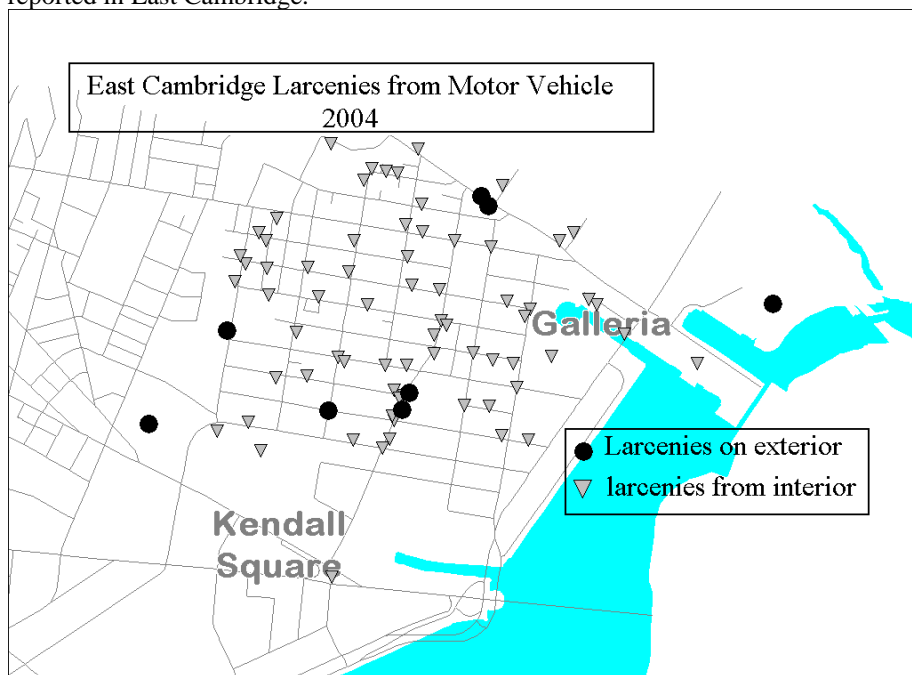
- The number of **housebreaks** reported in East Cambridge is average for this area during the course of the year. Scattered breaks throughout the beginning of the year included a small spree on Thorndike Street where two males used a crow bar to break into apartments in the late morning and early afternoons.

August through the beginning of October saw the majority of the housebreaks in this area. The areas near Hurly, Thorndike and Gore Streets reported multiple incidents. Previous history indicates that homeless individuals, as well as residents who reside in this neighborhood, have been active in East Cambridge housebreaks.



This proved true again as the arrest of a local teen dissipated the pattern in early October.

- The majority of the **street robberies** in East Cambridge were predatory in nature, meaning that they were perpetrated by 1-2 suspects, rather than packs of 3 or more. Suspects in most of the incidents were teenage males with guns or knives who demanded money from their victims on weekdays between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. The robberies were scattered over the course of the year and no significant patterns developed. The one minor exception involved three street robberies in March, all of which involved two males (with knives/ sharp instruments in 2 cases) robbing male victims walking alone between 8 and 9:30 p.m.
- **Auto thefts** in East Cambridge increased slightly over last year's total but still remained 27% lower than 2000's total. The majority of auto thefts occurred in repeat locations such as along Bent, Otis, Second and Hurley Streets. Hondas were the most commonly stolen auto type, which is consistent with the type most commonly stolen throughout Cambridge and the nation. To date, 33 of the 56 cars have been recovered throughout Cambridge, Boston and Somerville.
- Over the past 6 years, East Cambridge has been a hotspot for **larcenies from motor vehicles**. In approximately 50% of the incidents, the perpetrator broke a car window in order to steal items on the inside. Approximately 12% of the incidents involved the theft of items on the exterior of the vehicles, such as tires and headlights. Anything left in view inside the motor vehicles can be a target for thieves, but cell phones, CDs, stereo equipment and purses/cash are commonly stolen. Car owners left their doors unlocked in at least 12% of the incidents reported in East Cambridge.



- There were 15 arrests for **drug sale or possession** in this neighborhood over the course of the year. Three of those arrests were effected at the courthouse of individuals found to be in possession or marijuana or cocaine. There were seven arrests for marijuana sales/possession and five arrests for cocaine possession/ or sales. Illegal prescription pain killer possession led to two arrests.

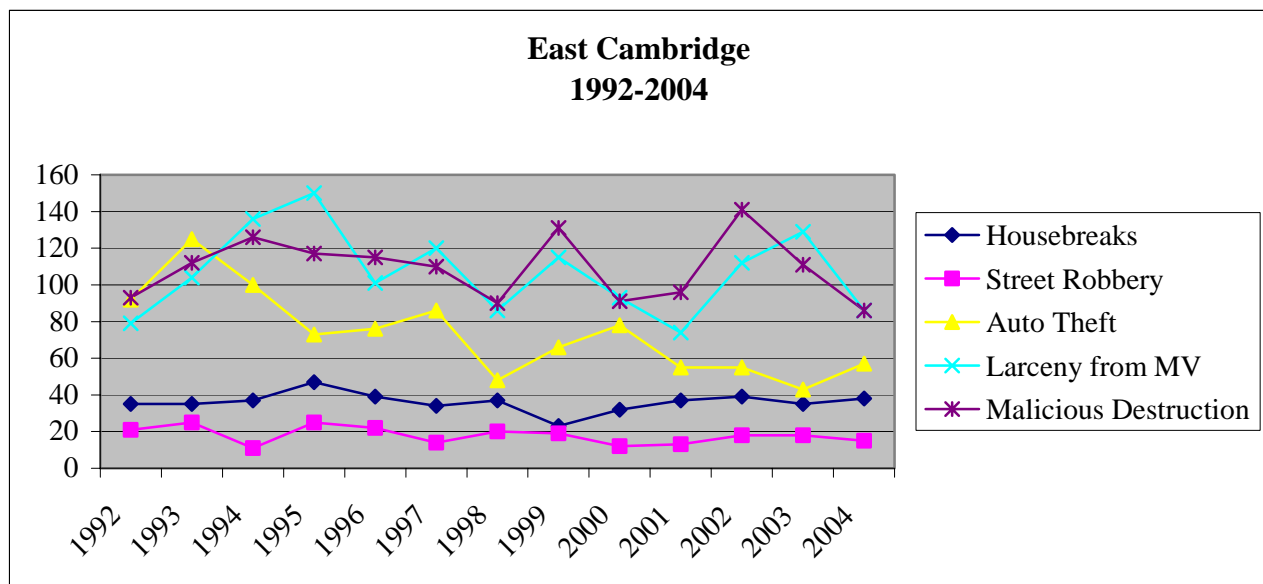
ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1992-2003	Rank '92-'03*	Rank 2004*
Housebreaks	38	10	36	6	9
Street Robbery	10	11	18	4	5
Auto Theft	156	2	75	2	2
Larceny from MVs	121	5	108	1	3
Malicious Destruction	118	5	111	1	3

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With the booming Cambridgeside Galleria and the fringe of Cambridge Center as its most prominent features, East Cambridge may be the most heavily trafficked commercial region in the city. It has a smaller than average residential population. Other features of the neighborhood include the Lechmere MBTA station, the Kennedy-Longfellow Elementary School, and the Middlesex County Courthouse.

- **Street robberies** ballooned with the opening of the Cambridgeside Galleria in 1991, but have abated in recent years. Most of these are pack or bullyboy robberies committed by and against juveniles. Other robbery patterns—predatory in nature—sometimes appear on Cambridge Street near the B&A Railroad.
- The motor vehicle-related crimes of **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction of property** occur at the highest rates here of anywhere in Cambridge due to the level of commercial parking around the Cambridgeside Galleria, along Cambridge Street and in the vicinity of Cambridge Center.
- **Assaults, threats** and related crimes between plaintiffs, victims, or complainants and defendants sometimes occur in the area of the Middlesex County Courthouse.



2003 Year End Review

There was a slight decrease in the number of **housebreaks** in 2003 compared to 2002. The arrest of two prolific thieves in 2002 contributed to the low number of housebreaks seen in the early portion of 2003. Breaks at Museum Towers represented almost 38% of all housebreaks in East Cambridge, due to a consistent internal theft problem. Electronic equipment and jewelry were popular targets. • The number of **street robberies** in East Cambridge remained constant from 2002. Three occurred near the Cambridgeside Galleria between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., and two were categorized as “bully boy” robberies. A knife was used in 5 cases, a gun in one case and a physical assault occurred in at least 4 cases. Incidents were spread throughout the week; eleven of the 18 incidents occurred from 6:30-11:00 p.m. • **Auto theft** in East Cambridge declined by 21% in 2003. A high percentage of the stolen vehicles were geographically concentrated in the corridor between Second and Fifth Streets with Hurley Street to the south. • **Larceny from motor vehicles** increased 15% in 2003, influenced by a major weekday pattern of thefts from cars in parking lots between Charles and Binney Streets. The arrest of a pair of Chelsea residents in September appeared to have dissipated this trend. Second and Sixth Streets during mid-week were areas of concern during the end of the year. • **Malicious destruction of property** also declined by 21% in 2003. Fifteen of these incidents involved the use of a BB gun to damage car and store front windows. SUV's were especially targeted in these incidents. • Many of the 20 **drug arrests** in East Cambridge were the result of shoplifting investigations at the Cambridgeside Galleria in which suspects were found to be in possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia.